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SUBJECT: POLES PROPOSE BALTIC CONFERENCE

REF: STOCKHOLM' S A-181, MAY 9, 1973 ( NOTAL)

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: POLAND HAS ISSUED AN INVITATION TO BALTIC COUNTRIES FOR A " DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE " IN GDANSK TO DRAFT A CONVENTION ON FISHING AND CONSERVATION AND HOPES TO SET UP A " PERMANENT ORGAN" IN WARSAW. IN MAKING THE PROPOSAL THE POLES ARE PURSUING THE DUAL AIM OF ATTACKING A GENUINE PROBLEM OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND AT THE SAME TIME HELPING TO ADVANCE THE INTERNATIONAL POSITION OF THE GDR. THIS MESSAGE INCLUDES COMMENTS BY THE SWEDISH DCM ON THIS SUBJECT AND ON SWEDISH- POLISH RELATIONS. END SUMMARY

2. TRYBUNA LUDU ON MAY 17 ANNOUNCED VICE FOREIGN MIN-  
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ISTER CZYREK ON THE PRECEDING DAY HAD ISSUED TO THE AMBASSADORS OF DENMARK, FINLAND, SWEDEN, THE GDR, THE FRG AND THE USSR A POLISH INVITATION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN A " DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE" IN GDANSK IN SEPTEMBER TO DRAFT AND ADOPT A CONVENTION ON FISHING AND PRESERVATION OF LIVING CREATURES IN THE BALTIC. THE PAPER NOTED THAT THE IDEA OF SUCH A CONFERENCE HAD RECEIVED WIDE SUPPORT FROM OTHER STATES OF THE REGION, AND POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST POSTWAR DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE OF ALL THE BALTIC STATES. TRYBUNA ALSO STATED THAT IT WAS " FORESEEN" THAT A PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL ORGAN, WITH ITS SEAT IN WARSAW, WOULD BE CREATED.

3. SWEDISH DCM BERGQUIST TELLS US THAT THERE WILL BE A PRELIMINARY EXPERTS' MEETING ON THE SUBJECT HERE IN JUNE, FOR WHICH THE SWEDISH DELEGATION HAS ALREADY BEEN SELECTED, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE CONFERENCE ITSELF ( WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS ACTUALLY TO BE HELD IN SOPOT). HE NOTED THAT THE GENERAL IDEA IS ONE THE POLES HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR SOME TIME, BUT THAT PREVIOUSLY SUCH A CONFERENCE OF COURSE HAD BEEN OUT OF THE QUESTION. HE EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE ISSUANCE OF THE INVITATIONS AT THIS TIME MAY HAVE BEEN IN RESPONSE TO AN EAST GERMAN REQUEST. HE THOUGHT THE CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE SOME FUNCTIONAL VALUE, IN ADDITION TO ITS POLITICAL AIM, AND REMARKED THAT HE THOUGHT THE PROPOSAL TYPIFIED POLISH EFFORTS THESE DAYS TO TRY TO EXHIBIT AN " ACTIVE" DIPLOMACY. HE EXHIBITED SOME AMUSEMENT AT THE DESIGNATION OF THE CONFERENCE AS " DIPLOMATIC", ALTHOUGH HE SAID THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD BE INCLUDED. AS FAR AS THE IDEA OF A PERMANENT ORGAN IN WARSAW WAS CONCERNED, HE SAID THAT WAS MERELY A POLISH " PROPOSAL".

4. WITH REGARD TO POLISH- SWEDISH RELATIONS IN GENERAL, BERGQUIST DESCRIBED FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI' S RECENT VISIT TO SWEDEN AS " GOOD", BUT LACKING IN SUBSTANCE. HE SAID THAT THE ESSENTIALLY BLAND COMMUNIQUE THAT EMERGED REPRESENTED A CONSIDERABLE COMPROMISE AND THAT " AS USUAL" THE POLES HAD PRESENTED A VERY EXTENSIVE DRAFT AT WHICH THE SWEDES HAD TO CHOP AWAY. BERGQUIST SAID THAT THE DRAFT BILL BEFORE THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT FOR AN EXPORT CONFIDENTIAL

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DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDY ( STOCKHOLM' S A-181), WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A FORM OF TAC PREFERENCE, WOULD PLACE SWEDEN ON A MORE OR LESS EQUAL FOOTING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, E. G. THE US AND UK, IN THE MATTER OF CREDIT. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE STATE OF SWEDISH- POLISH TRADE, NOTING THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT A LARGE DEAL WHICH THREE WEEKS AGO HAD BEEN VIRTUALLY ASSURED TO A

SWEDISH FIRM WOULD INSTEAD BE GIVEN TO A FIRM FROM WEST  
GERMANY. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE REASONS WERE POLITICAL,  
AND HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIETS  
MAY HAVE TOLD THE POLES TO GIVE MORE BUSINESS TO THE FRG.  
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